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HOW TO TREAT CATS.

Diet of Raw Meat, Eggs and Milk Should Be Their Portion.

Cats are by nature dainty, even in their cruelties. There is all manner of feline grace in the way they play with mice. Cats suffer much less from constant housing than dogs, although they run wild much more readily and never quite get over their murderous instincts. A cat of fancy breed, as Maltese, Angora,coon cat or Manx, is a possession more fashionable than precious. Each and several, they are no end decorative, but in affection, intelligence and playfulness they rank below their black, gray, tiger marked and tortoiseshell brethren.

Cats are in general more savage and less intelligent than gray or tortoiseshell. Many of them have blue eyes, and all such are said to be stone deaf; hence they are less desirable in the household. Unlike dogs, cats are said to have their meat raw, but they must not have too much of it. Milk should constitute at least a third of their food. Crumble stale bread in the milk and now and again beat up a raw egg in it. A bit of raw liver as big as two fingers or a fish head is meat enough for a day's ration. Supplement it with milk and bread or milk and mashed potatoes, a cracker or two or a bit of hard bread lightly buttered and a scattering of bones, as from chicken, game or chops.

Cats as well as dogs suffer a plague of fleas. Oddly enough, cat fleas are unlike dog fleas, and if the two sorts of insects meet upon one poor beast they will fight to the death, ending commonly in victory for the cat flea, which are much bigger and more voracious than those found on the dog. If left to ravage unchecked, they soon reduce a sleek, healthy cat to a miserable skeleton, suffering all over from excruciating pain. To get rid of the flea wash with sulphur soap—a good brand which the nearest shop affords—comb out the fleas with a fine tooth comb while the hair is still wet, raise the skin with your finger and milk warm water, dry it with soft towels and give it after the bath a saucer of warm milk with a teaspoonful of brandy or whisky in it. A kitten should have only a few drops of spirits and be kept snug in a clean basket an hour after the bath.

When the hair is very dry, blow in all along the backbone some sort of good fine insect powder, either jarkspur or pyrethrum. Rub behind the ears with the sulphur ointment directed for dogs. Next day brush out all the powder with a fine, close brush, comb the coat lightly, then part it along the backbone and rub with the sulphur ointment.

For mange rub all over with the sulphur ointment. Keep the cat confined so it cannot lie in the dirt and after 24 hours wash it well in hot soapsuds—just comfortably hot, not scalding—rinse dry and leave alone. In three days, if the mange persists, repeat the ointment and after the treatment give the cat plenty of catnip, either green or dry, with milk and bread diet. Catnip indeed ought to be given always twice a week. Burn infected bedding and fumigate sleeping baskets, or else wash them well in bichloride of mercury. Let them stand six hours after washing, then scald plentifully with boiling water and dry well before letting the cat sleep in them again—Washington Star.

Is the Genius of Ireland Irish?

The genius of Ireland is a curiously paradoxical subject and requires a study to itself. Though so many great men have been associated with Ireland, when we analyze them according to race we find that a remarkably large proportion of them are of English or Scotch descent. Bishop Berkeley, for instance, is often called an Irishman, though his father was English (his mother's origin is unknown), and though he always considered himself an Englishman. The great Irish patriots have usually had English blood in their veins and have sometimes even been proud of the fact.

And yet, while this is so, Ireland has somehow had the art of imparting some of her subtle qualities to those happy Englishmen who have had the good fortune to possess some slight strain of her blood or to be born in her land or even to have lived there in youth. The greatest English humorists and wits—Swift and Sterne and Congreve—had this good fortune. In the same way, while Ireland has scattered her talents over England and the continent, her own patron saint is a Scotchman who was never canonized. The contribution of Ireland to our national genius cannot well be stated in numerical values.—English Review.

Phosphorescence in Nature.

The "milky fires" of the ocean are due to the presence of hordes of animalcules belonging to that division of the animal world known as the Infusoria. The Infusoria is the type of the race—a minute organism, somewhat kidney shaped and possessing a single lashlike appendage or cilium.

The Infusoria, or living matter, of the animalcule exerts the power of converting so much of its living energy into light, a proceeding illustrated in a different fashion in the familiar firefly, which, however, sends its energy into producing light, and the glow that is seen under circumstances where phosphorescence is proceeding, notably when fish is going to bed, is due to the presence of such minute forms of life.—Scotsman.

ANIMALS THAT GO ON STRIKE

Birds, Beasts and Even Insects That Will Rather Lose Their Work.

A common result of herding a large number of horses together in a field is that they all come out on strike. They bunch together under trees, eat less than usual, get more and more restive and are always neighing and rubbing noses. The end of it is that the entire herd declines to do any work, will not be saddled or harnessed, chase their tendants about, and bites, squeals and kicks all day. The oldest jog trotter after a "conference" like this, will jib, snarl up his cart and behave like an unbroken colt. Nobody knows the reason. But in large towns also the horses suddenly strike at times, especially if they have been together a good deal. Then there is a regular epidemic of runaways, smash ups and so forth, or sometimes most of the horses of a town, as if by previous arrangement, will be down in the road and refuse to get up.

Cows are worse still, and when they are soon crowding together under trees, "fidgeting and mooing" they are said to be "on the growl," and the herders and milkmen know they are going to have a bad time. At such periods cows will sooner die of "milk fever" than let themselves be milked, and will be as sulky and intractable as mules. But locks, when they get a fit of this kind,

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are actually known as "strikers" and are liable to become dangerous. When the herdsmen see them huddling together sulkily and making odd snorts or grunting noises, they look out for squalls, for the cattle will not be herded in any direction and stubbornly refuse to do anything they are wanted to do.

Birds are notorious for "woman's rights" strikes—that is, the females sometimes flock together, abandoning or driving away the males, and refuse to do any "housework" whatever. They desert their nests and will not finish building. They leave their eggs to grow cold and unchangeable, and nothing will induce them to return. The male birds grow very concerned at such times, but they have no remedy, for throughout the best and best of the season the male will never attack or injure the female, though the reverse of ten takes place. Warblers and starlings especially are given to these "female workers" strikes, and the thing being so serious, for a whole district will be full of nests left to rot, clutches of eggs abandoned and even young broods left to starve if one or two of the "strikers" have hatched out their eggs.

Ants are genious at organizing and carrying out strikes, especially the little yellow ants that live with the black tribes and do most of their work for them. The wages they earn are not high, for they merely work for their keep. They are allowed the same food as their masters. At times, however, the yellow ant becomes discontented and after a great deal of congregating and restlessness strike work in a body and decline to do anything.

The black ants then cut them off from supplies and make them starve to death in submission. Sometimes they even attack them and try to bury them into doing the work. The "yellows," however, generally prefer to be killed rather than abandon their supplies, and are not to be coerced, and the masters are driven to do the work themselves. Sometimes they make a raid and get a fresh batch of "yellows" into the ant hill to take the strikers' places, but these mostly join the masters, especially after a day or two. The strike ends in one of two ways—the "yellows" may escape and try to found a colony of their own or they may give in and settle down to work again.

Perhaps, on the whole, rabbits are the most determined strikers there are. In rabbit colonies there are nearly always a certain number of stronger rabbits who do most of the hardest digging and burrowing, and about once in two years these appear to grow discontented and decline to make the burrows in a big warren. Without these passages the assembly is not safe from stoats and ferrets, and the commonwealth is endangered. But the large digging rabbits give up work and sit about browsing in the pastures all day and night, and unless they choose to get to work again all new excavations for fresh rabbit families have to stop.—Detroit News-Tribune.

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DUCKS FOR MARKET.

Killing and Dressing—Dry Picking and Sealing.

From the approach of Thanksgiving on till after the winter holidays the dressing of poultry takes on much importance. There are two methods of dressing ducks for market, by dry picking and by sealing, and these have been described by an authority on the subject as follows: Both of these methods are good and are being successfully employed by the largest raisers. Some have a preference for dry picking and others for sealing, and it only becomes a matter of taste which method is used. When birds are dressed by sealing, they should be dipped several times or until the feathers come out easily. The back should be dipped in the water first. After sealing wipe them as dry as possible with a sponge and pick the breast feathers first. A bird when dressed for market has left on it the feathers on the wing, the tail feathers and the feathers on head and neck. The legs are left on, and the birds are not drawn.

The process of dry picking is considered the simpler of the two methods, and one who is accustomed to the work can readily dress three dozen birds in a day. The picker's outfit consists of a chair, a box for the feathers and a couple of knives, one knife being dull and the other being sharp pointed and double edged for bleeding. The bird is taken between the knees, the bill held across the roof of the mouth with the left hand and the bird is stunned by striking its head against a post or some hard substance. The picker seats himself in the chair, with the bird in his lap, its head held firmly between one knee and the box. The feathers are carefully sorted while picking, the pins are thrown away, and the body feathers, with the down, are thrown into the box. Care should be taken about this, as the feathers from this bird will never be used for anything and will quite pay for the picking.

The dull knife and the thumb are used to remove the long pinfeathers, and this should be done without tearing the skin. The down can usually be rubbed off by slightly moistening the hand and holding the skin tight. Often some of the pins cannot be taken out without tearing and disfiguring the

Agri-cultural Breviews.

Cowpeas have come to stay in the north, says one of their advocates. The broom corn crop is estimated at 4,500 tons less than last year.

Poultry and swine do not relish or do well on cottonseed meal.

While the pear crop is by no means a failure, it not only falls considerably short of the crop of last year, but also compares unfavorably with the ten year average.

It is reported that there has been an increase in the output of canned corn in Maine of 20 per cent over that of 1900.

Current News and Notes.

The cabbage crop on the whole is disappointing. Prices for new broom corn are considerably higher than usual at this season of the year, says Orange Judd Farmer.

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Rhubarb is very accommodating and can be forced by any one having a warm cellar. It may take a little longer to come with some, where a surplus of heat is not available, but come it surely will if given any chance at all, and is much more delicate in flavor, and to many, if not all, more palatable than the outdoor grown.

Such things as tarragon, mint and chives, if not lifted, should be protected with a covering, so that they can be got at any time, and the same applies to the better plan is to lift and on in deep flats, placing them in a cold frame so that a flat at a time may be brought in and placed in heat as required for forcing.—American Gardening.

RESISTANCE TO FROST.

A Study in Strawberries—Nine Strong Varieties.

Throughout a large proportion of the strawberry growing localities light frosts often occur in the late spring, killing a variable percentage of the flowers and recently set fruit of the strawberry. The injury from such frosts appears first in the blackening of the pistils, which occurs within a few hours after the frost. Fruit upon the pistils have been injured by frost either fails to develop or produces a small berry of irregular form.

On the grounds of the Montana station it was observed that a considerable variation prevailed in the resistance power of different strawberries to frost.

In general it was found that injury to such fruits was confined to the achene or seeds of the strawberry. The pulpy mass or receptacle was in no case injured, and the surface of the pulp did not become blackened or show any other changes which would indicate injury from the frost. The seeds in varieties which suffered injury were

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